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Re: Duane Marine Site
Perth Amboy New Jersey

Dear Mr. Trela:

As we discussed, the Removal Action at the Duane Marine Site, conducted by a group of Responsible Parties pursuant to EPA Administrative Orders, is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the Department's plans with respect to future work at this site. EPA and the Department both agree that additional work, which may include an investigation of soil, groundwater and/or surface water, is necessary at the Duane Marine Site.

As you may be aware, the Duane Marine Site is not on the Superfund National Priorities List. The Removal Action addressed the imminent hazards associated with this site, which consisted primarily of a surficial cleanup whereby hazardous substances contained in drums and tanks were removed from the site.

It is my understanding, from discussions between our staff, that the Department intends to pursue further work at the site through enforcement activities with the Responsible parties which EPA identified relative to the Removal. EPA has provided your staff with the names and addresses of these parties, and your staff has been in contact with the Responsible Parties Steering Committee.

Thus, I assume that the Department plans to take back the lead on this site, upon EPA's written notification that the Removal is complete. Please confirm if this is the case. I would appreciate a response by March 27, 1987.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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